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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the Abstract and claims as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.